

**CROYDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY:
NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 23RD MAY 2017**

President Richard West opened the meeting and welcomed the 19 members present which included 4 members of **Bexley Philatelic Society** who were presenting their displays.



Colin Tobitt was the first to show his **Austrian Commemoratives**. There were a great variety of stamps including music stamps, Nobel Prize winners, scientist inventors, folk customs and arts, painters and Europa stamps.



John Corderoy's display covered the stamps of **Israel** issued since 1948. The first stamps were issued with tabs. The display also included a few covers.



The third presenter **Don Brookfield** showed a display of **Post Office Greetings Telegrams**. The material covered the period 1935 to 1952, the first being issued in July 1935. Each telegram showed the date of issue, the artist and the date of withdrawal. The service was suspended during World War II due to the poor quality of the paper.



The final display by **John Shaw** was two sets of stamps of **Bolivia issued in 1951/52**. The topics covered were the 400th Anniversary of the founding of La Paz and the Opening of La Paz athletics stadium. John showed a variety of material including ordinary stamps, airmails, specimens, die proofs, miniature sheets and bisects.

Members viewed the great variety of material and President Richard concluded the evening with a vote of thanks to all the presenters.

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